

NEW HOME FOR THE CLUB

SOUTHERNITES GOING TO BUILD A FINE HOUSE.

What Has Been in Contemplation by This Popular Democratic Organization Is Now Materializing—Committees at Work on the Project.

The Powhatan, Richmond's energetic and popular Democratic club, is to have a new club-house.

The members are all enthusiastic on the subject, and, with their proverbial activity and their past record of success with whatever they have heretofore undertaken, the project will, at a day in no distant future, be an assured reality.

At a meeting of the club a committee of ten was appointed to investigate the matter and to devise means for raising the necessary funds. The committee is as follows: Messrs. H. M. Smith, Jr., H. R. Pollard, T. P. Campbell, James C. Lamb, B. B. Munford, J. Bell Bagger, J. F. Flournoy, Wm. Lowndes, Page McCarty, A. B. Gageon, Thomas Byrne, J. Taylor Elliston, Wm. Kyle, A. D. Landerkin, J. C. Dame, and Preston Belvin, ex-officio.

TO SECURE EXTRA MEMBERS.

This committee has appointed a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. McCarty, Belvin and Bagger to prepare a circular letter for the purpose of securing a number of non-resident members, as they are authorized under their charter to have a nonresident membership of 500.

Another subcommittee of five has been selected, and will report an early meeting of the club, to terminate a financial plan in connection with the establishment of the club-house.

This committee consists of Messrs. Mumford, Landerkin, Kearney, Elliston and Stender.

The committee on circulars have finished their work, but it will not be made public until reported to the club.

The Finance Committee have formulated their plan, and they believe that the work will soon be accomplished.

SITE NOT SELECTED.

The site for the new club-houses has not yet been selected, nor have the detailed plans been agreed upon, as these will require the action of the club, but the house, wherever located, will undoubtedly add architecturally to the beauty of the city.

It will in every sense of the word be a metropolis club-house spacious in size and commanding in appearance.

There will be assembly rooms, pool and billiard rooms, libraries, reading rooms, which receive much attention, and all modern and luxurious conveniences, a house indeed, which Richmond will be proud to boast of, and Democracy glad to name as its abiding place.

There, in the future, as at the old house in the past, will Democracy of the trustiest and bluest stamp be found—not idle, but always moving, hustling, growing and doing the best work for the best interest of the party.

THE MOZART MUSICALE.

An Enjoyable Evening Spent With the Philharmonic Club.

A large and fashionable audience greeted the New York Philharmonic Club at the Mozart musicale last night, and the programme numbers made up a perfect series of good music.

Miss Marion S. Wood, the vocalist of the evening, possessed a pleasing contralto voice and many friends were made over her beauty. There was not of great importance or power, there is a considerable culture shown in it, and her waltz song, "Farla," by Ardis, made her respond to a double cheer. She is a strikingly handsome woman, very tall, and has an excellent stage presence.

Mr. Richard Arnold delighted his hearers in his excellent executions on the violin, and his rendition of the polonaise No. 2 by Wieniawski, was a perfect musical gem.

Mr. Eugene Weimer, in an acceptable manner, rendered a duet solo, and responded to the encore, and the violoncello duos, and the violin and cello duos, were two rather difficult solos.

With the exception of Miss Wood's singing and Mr. Arnold's playing, the most original numbers were really those rendered by the club as an orchestra. One piece was especially well executed, "Variations" opera by Godard, had that weird, fantastical air about it that made a Richmond audience stay in their seats long enough to applaud. The number was the last one on the programme.

The other artists who assisted were Mr. Sebastian Lauder, violin; Friedrich Henneim, violin; August Kalkhoff, double bass.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Bids for Copper Given Out—No Money to Their Credit.

The Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings met yesterday afternoon and after transacting routine business bids were opened for copper for the new City Hall, as follows:

R. Burton—Hoods, \$787.50; crestings, \$1,620.45; sky-light crestings, \$250—total, \$2,457.95.

Mr. Burton received the contract for the sky-light, cresting and hoods, and Mr. Kendall for that for the crestings.

Mr. Frank Bates, the clerk, reported bills amounting to \$88,862 for work done on the new hall, and stated that after the bills were paid there would be no more than \$4,654.14.

The bill for \$4,654.14 was paid, and he also read the last ordinance passed in reference to work on the hall, which states that "the hall shall be built by what is known as day work as far as practicable."

This ordinance was read in answer to a query made at the last meeting of the committee as to whether the committee had a right to build any part of the hall by contract. This information was desired because a short time ago the committee asked the Finance Committee to recommend an appropriation of \$30,000 to be used in the completion of the hall.

The Finance Committee answered the request by asking the Building Committee how much was needed to complete the hall, and Colonel Cutshaw was appealed to, but he stated at a recent meeting that all he would say would be mere guess work, and that the only way to see was to give the work out by contract, except the stone and tile-work and the flooring. He said, however, that the committee was not obliged to do so now, but as the various work was needed they could then let for bids.

At the same yesterday, after the ordinance was read, the rest of the Finance Committee was bid out, and it was one of the members left, the boy, who was bound to say, "If the Finance Committee think enough of its City Hall to give us money to complete it, they can keep their money, and we will stop work."

OTHER COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Schools was to have met yesterday afternoon, but the chairman ordered that notices of the meeting be not issued, as there is no money to the credit of the committee, hence no bills can be paid.

The Committee on Claims and Salaries met yesterday and audited several routine claims.

Accounts and Printing Committee did not have a quorum. They are in the same fix as the School Committee.

These committees will be reimbursed next month when the annual budget is voted on by the Council.

A joint meeting of both branches of the Council will be held this evening at 7 o'clock to elect four physicians to attend the poor of the city.

Recommend an Exchange.

At a meeting of real estate agents of Richmond, held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the committee that attended the State Convention in Roanoke last month, composed of Messrs. Louis Rawlings, E. S. Rose, George S. Vashon, and John L. Boswell, Jr., reported the recommendation of the establishment of a real estate exchange in this city on a liberal basis.

Messrs. George S. Vashon, Jr., J. B. Elam, Louis Rawlings, N. W. Howe, and B. M. Quarles, were appointed to formulate a plan of organization of the exchange, and to report at the call of the chairman, Mr. Wm. H. Bowman, Mr. George E. Still was secretary of the meeting.

ABOUT THE CHILDREN.

The Monthly Meeting of the City School Board.

The regular meeting of the City School Board was held at the Richmond High School yesterday at 6 P. M.

Mr. William F. Fox, superintendent, submitted his report of the condition of the public schools for the month of February, schools, 220 principals, 17 teachers, 212 scholars, total enrollment, white, 6,312 colored, 4,333 total, 10,645. Monthly enrollment, white, 5,622, colored, 4,000 total, 9,622 growth, 3,035, 1,000 increase, white, 3,202 colored, 2,947 total, 6,109. During the past month the total enrollment has increased by the average daily attendance of 1,000 to 21,610.

The superintendent reports that the intermediate examinations closed on the 13th, and that the care and steadiness of the children has been generally commendable, and the absence of efforts to secure information has been very gratifying. I was much pleased with the earnestness and care of both teachers and pupils.

In the High School there were twenty graduates—four boys and sixteen girls. In the post-graduate class fifteen students are enroled. At the Colored Normal School there were twenty-five graduates—eight boys and seven girls.

The classes in stenography were organized at the High School on Monday, February 16th, out of the post-graduates and post-graduates of the High School. The classes are doing very well and the prospects are good for graduating a number of well qualified stenographers.

The superintendent reported the following resignations: Miss A. L. Plessis, Miss Katharine, and Miss Sue D. Carrington, and the appointment of Miss Jessie Estelle, Miss Emily Agnes W. Lester, Carrie K. Scott and Miss L. Crowe to fill vacancies and to teach school.

The following shows the result of February examinations just closed:

White—5,740; colored, 5,200; West End, 1,400; Leigh, 500; Central, 500; Marshall, 500; Belvoir, 500; Springfield, 500; Nickelwood, 500.

National school, 750; Baker, 500; Valley, 500; Moore, 500; East Hill, 500; Navy Hill, 500; Brook, 500; Fauntleroy, 500.

Total average, white and colored, \$4,800.

On motion of Mr. E. D. Sharpe the post-graduates of February, 1890, were placed on the substitutes list, with the privilege of doing substitute work.

The school year began on the 1st of February with increased numbers, and the total enrollment to date is 10,645, white 5,622, colored, 4,000, total, 11,697. This is within six-tenths of the whole number enrolled last year.

At the Exchange.

Among the visitors who stopped at the Exchange Hotel last night were Mr. J. C. Hollister, Mr. F. W. Davis, Mr. J. H. Carter, Mr. Enoch S. Brown, Mr. W. D. Dursey, Mr. John Denson and wife, Mr. William Archer and wife, Mr. C. M. Moseman and wife, New York City, Mr. Charles Morris, Mr. A. E. Everett of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. H. R. Sayward, Mr. J. Matthew Cox, Mr. Frank Gambert of Boston, Mass., Mr. H. E. Taylor and wife, Mr. Harry D. Schell and wife, Mr. Albert Webster, Miss M. E. Webster of Philadelphia, Miss H. E. Talbot of Cincinnati, Mr. G. W. Coalton of Hackensack, N. J., Mr. C. W. Cannon and wife, W. Telph Carpenter, Mr. W. E. Cox of Helena, Mont., Mr. James F. Muirhead of London, Eng.; Mr. E. D. Vanneck of Dresden, Germany.

THE C. AND O. CANAL CASES.

Court of Appeals Decides in Favor of the Stockholders of 1844.

In the Court of Appeals at Annapolis Saturday an opinion was handed down by Judge Robinson in the case of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

There were three of these cases—the Canal Company against Brown and others, the State of Maryland against Brown and others, and Carter, executor, against Brown and others—all of which were decided by Judge Alvey's decision.

The effect of the decision, as stated consistently by Judge Robinson, is that "the bondholders of 1844 are entitled to the possession of the canal with the right to repair the canal and to open it according to the terms of the judgment," a decision.

Having read the decision to his colleagues in the regular consultation, Judge Robinson will hold a parley a day or two in order to put it in better shape for publication.

The ORCHARD CACTUS HERBARIUM.

A Hagerstown, special to the Washington Star—A copy of the report of the news at Sharpsburg, this county, on Saturday, that Judge Alvey's decision in the canal cases has been approved, an enthusiastic meeting was held, endorsing the court's action, and setting apart Friday, February 27th, as a day of general rejoicing. It was determined to have a parade, representing all the processes of the boating industry and other branches of business which will be benefited by the way of public printing. He said that he was willing to have 25,000 copies printed and distributed among the farmers, but not among the non-churchmen.

Mr. Cockrell, replying to a remark by Mr. Gorman as to putting documents being on sale at all the second-hand bookstores, intimated that that could not be the case without the connivance of Senators or Representatives.

Mr. Berry inquired of Mr. Cockrell whether he intended to state that any Senator ever disposed of books issued to him for constituents to second-hand book stores.

Mr. Cockrell disclosed nothing any such change, but said that he came from the editor of the Agricultural Department of the "Incomes of the House," in which Mr. Gorman protested against the extravagance in the way of public printing. He said that he was willing to have 25,000 copies printed and distributed among the farmers, but not among the non-churchmen.

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Mr. Cockrell: If the Senator from Arkansas will inquire at the Senate document room whether all the documents related to Senators have been sent out by them, he will ascertain the facts. What, for instance, was the amount of money for agricultural reports? Probably he has care for agricultural reports. Probably he has care for agricultural reports.

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